

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5349–S5382

Measures Introduced: Three bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2777–2779, and S.J. Res. 42–43. **Page S5374**

Measures Reported:

Reported on Tuesday, August 26, during the adjournment:

S. 2113, to provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost and performance of Government programs and areas of duplication among them, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–243)

Report to accompany S. 2117, to amend title 5, United States Code, to change the default investment fund under the Thrift Savings Plan. (S. Rept. No. 113–244)

S. 2640, to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 113–245)

S. 1447, to make technical corrections to certain Native American water rights settlements in the State of New Mexico, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 113–246)

S. 1468, to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Network for Manufacturing Innovation and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–247)

S. 1691, to amend title 5, United States Code, to improve the security of the United States border and to provide for reforms and rates of pay for border patrol agents, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–248)

S. 2323, to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service. (S. Rept. No. 113–249)

H.R. 4002, to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe.

S. 919, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1474, to encourage the State of Alaska to enter into intergovernmental agreements with Indian tribes in the State relating to the enforcement of certain State laws by Indian tribes, to improve the quality of life in rural Alaska, to reduce alcohol and drug abuse, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1574, to amend the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to facilitate the ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1622, to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1948, to promote the academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2041, to repeal the Act of May 31, 1918, with amendments.

S. 2188, to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes, with an amendment.

S. 2299, to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to reauthorize a provision to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2442, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain land and mineral rights on the reservation of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe of Montana

and other culturally important land into trust for the benefit of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2465, to require the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 4 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico, with amendments.

S. 2479, to provide for a land conveyance in the State of Nevada, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2480, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Elko County, Nevada, and to take land into trust for certain Indian tribes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Reported on Monday, September 8, 2014:

S. 2665, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide eligibility for broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance. (S. Rept. No. 113–250)

S. 2511, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to clarify the definition of substantial cessation of operations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Indefinitely Postponed:

Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 39, relating to the approval of the proposed Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Concerning the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, and the resolution was indefinitely postponed.

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Measures Considered:

Election Contributions And Expenditures—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. J.Res. 19, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 79 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 259), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. Page S5366

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution, post-cloture, at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, September 9, 2014; and that the time during any period of morning business, adjournment or recess count post-cloture. Page S5380

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. EX. 257), Jill A. Pryor, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

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By 54 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 258), Henry J. Aaron, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2014. Pages S5365, S5381

Henry J. Aaron, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2020.

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Alan L. Cohen, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2016. Pages S5365, S5381

Lanhee J. Chen, of California, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2018. Pages S5365–66, S5381

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Ronald Alan Pearlman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term expiring September 14, 2015.

Deven J. Parekh, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2016.

Todd A. Fisher, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2016.

Carlos A. Monje, Jr., of Louisiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Colette Dodson Honorable, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2017.

Virginia Tyler Lodge, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2019.

Ronald Anderson Walter, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2019.

Seth B. Carpenter, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Sheila Gwaltney, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic.

Jennifer Ann Haverkamp, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

Peter Michael McKinley, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

Nancy Bikoff Pettit, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia.

Carlos J. Torres, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director of the Peace Corps.

Russell C. Deyo, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security.

Sarah R. Saldana, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

Michael P. Botticelli, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy.

Daniel Henry Marti, of Virginia, to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office of the President.

Gilberto de Jesus, of Maryland, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration.

Jeanne E. Davidson, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

Haywood Stirling Gilliam, Jr., of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

7 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, Coast Guard, and Navy.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Annette Taddeo-Goldstein, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September

20, 2018, which was sent to the Senate on February 27, 2014.

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Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Measures Read the First Time: Pages S5371, S5380

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—259) Pages S5364, S5365, S5366

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:27 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 9, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5380.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 5401–5416; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 123; and H. Res. 714, 716 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages H7296–98

Reports Filed:

Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3670, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to expand and clarify the prohibition on provision of inaccurate caller identification information, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–572);

H.R. 4701, to provide for scientific frameworks with respect to vector-borne diseases, with amendments (H. Rept. 113–573);

H.R. 5057, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to permit exemptions for external

power supplies from certain efficiency standards, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–574);

H.R. 5161, to promote the non-exclusive use of electronic labeling for devices licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (H. Rept. 113–575);

Supplemental report on H.R. 5078, to preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of the United States, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–568, Pt. 2);

H.R. 744, to provide effective criminal prosecutions for certain identity thefts, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–576);

H.J. Res. 120, to approve the location of a memorial to commemorate the more than 5,000 slaves and free Black persons who fought for independence in the American Revolution (H. Rept. 113–577);

H.R. 3109, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to exempt certain Alaskan Native articles from

prohibitions against sale of items containing non-edible migratory bird parts, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–578);

H.R. 4751, to make technical corrections to Public Law 110–229 to reflect the renaming of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–579);

H.R. 3522, to authorize health insurance issuers to continue to offer for sale current group health insurance coverage in satisfaction of the minimum essential health insurance coverage requirement, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–580, Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 715, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5078) to preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of the United States, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 644) condemning and disapproving of the Obama administration's failure to comply with the lawful statutory requirement to notify Congress before releasing individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and expressing national security concerns over the release of five Taliban leaders and the repercussions of negotiating with terrorists (H. Rept. 113–581).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Foxx to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Cantor, wherein he resigned as Representative for the Seventh Congressional District of Virginia, effective 6 p.m. on August 18, 2014.

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Whole Number of the House: The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Virginia, Mr. Cantor, the whole number of the House is 432.

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Supplemental Report: Agreed that the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure be authorized to file a supplemental report on H.R. 5078, Waters of the United States Regulatory Overreach Protection Act of 2014.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Reauthorization Act: S. 231, to reauthorize the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp;

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Neil Havens Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 4939, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2551 Galena Avenue in Simi Valley, California, as the “Neil Havens Post Office”;

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Veterans Memorial Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 2819, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 275 Front Street in Marietta, Ohio, as the “Veterans Memorial Post Office Building”;

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Sergeant First Class Daniel M. Ferguson Post Office: H.R. 5089, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Mulford Road in Mulberry, Florida, as the “Sergeant First Class Daniel M. Ferguson Post Office”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 401 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 481;

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Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office: H.R. 5019, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1335 Jefferson Road in Rochester, New York, as the “Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 399 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 482;

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Corporal Juan Mariel Alcantara Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 4443, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 Vermilyea Avenue, in New York, New York, as the “Corporal Juan Mariel Alcantara Post Office Building”;

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Cynthia Jenkins Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3957, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 218–10 Merrick Boulevard in Springfield Gardens, New York, as the “Cynthia Jenkins Post Office Building”;

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George Thomas “Mickey” Leland Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 78, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4110 Alameda Road in Houston, Texas, as the “George Thomas ‘Mickey’ Leland Post Office Building”;

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Corporal Christian A. Guzman Rivera Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 5030, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13500 SW 250 Street in Princeton, Florida, as the “Corporal Christian A. Guzman Rivera Post Office Building”;

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American Super Computing Leadership Act: H.R. 2495, amended, to amend the Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004 to improve the high-end computing research and development program of the Department of Energy;

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Tsunami Warning, Education, and Research Act of 2014: H.R. 5309, to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research,

and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; **Pages H7263–67**

Stopping Tax Offenders and Prosecuting Identity Theft Act: H.R. 744, amended, to provide effective criminal prosecutions for certain identity thefts; **Pages H7267–69**

Amending the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to exempt certain Alaskan Native articles from prohibitions against sale of items containing nonedible migratory bird parts: H.R. 3109, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to exempt certain Alaskan Native articles from prohibitions against sale of items containing nonedible migratory bird parts; **Pages H7269–70**

Amending the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to maintain or replace certain facilities and structures for commercial recreation services at Smith Gulch in Idaho: H.R. 4283, amended, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to maintain or replace certain facilities and structures for commercial recreation services at Smith Gulch in Idaho, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 398 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 483; **Pages H7270–71, H7276**

Removing a use restriction on land formerly a part of Acadia National Park that was transferred to the town of Tremont, Maine: H.R. 4527, to remove a use restriction on land formerly a part of Acadia National Park that was transferred to the town of Tremont, Maine; **Pages H7271–72**

Approving the location of a memorial to commemorate the more than 5,000 slaves and free Black persons who fought for independence in the American Revolution: H.J. Res. 120, to approve the location of a memorial to commemorate the more than 5,000 slaves and free Black persons who fought for independence in the American Revolution; **Pages H7273–74**

Philmore Graham Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 5106, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Admiral Callaghan Lane in Vallejo, California, as the “Philmore Graham Post Office Building”; **Page H7277**

Sergeant Shawn T. Hannon and Master Sergeant Jeffrey J. Rieck and Veterans Memorial Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 4189, amended, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4000 Leap Road in Hilliard, Ohio, as the “Sergeant Shawn T. Hannon and Master Sergeant Jeffrey J. Rieck and Veterans Memorial Post Office Building”; and **Pages H7277–78**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4000 Leap Road in Hilliard, Ohio, as the “Master Sergeant Shawn T. Hannon, Master Sergeant Jeffrey J. Rieck and Veterans Memorial Post Office Building’.” **Page H7278**

Specialist Keith Erin Grace Jr. Memorial Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 4651, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 West Baker Road in Baytown, Texas as the “Specialist Keith Erin Grace Jr. Memorial Post Office”. **Pages H7278–79**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:19 p.m. and reconvened at 5:30 p.m. **Page H7269**

Recess: The House recessed at 6:05 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H7274**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Larcenia J. Bullard Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 2678, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10360 Southwest 186th Street in Miami, Florida, as the “Larcenia J. Bullard Post Office Building” and **Pages H7252–53**

Making technical corrections to Public Law 110–229 to reflect the renaming of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial: H.R. 4751, to make technical corrections to Public Law 110–229 to reflect the renaming of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial. **Pages H7272–73**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H7247.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7275, H7275–76, H7276. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES REGULATORY OVERREACH PROTECTION ACT OF 2014; RESOLUTION CONDEMNING AND DISAPPROVING OF THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE LAWFUL STATUTORY REQUIREMENT TO NOTIFY CONGRESS BEFORE RELEASING INDIVIDUALS DETAINED AT UNITED STATES NAVAL STATION, GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA, AND EXPRESSING NATIONAL SECURITY CONCERNS OVER THE RELEASE OF FIVE TALIBAN LEADERS AND THE REPERCUSSIONS OF NEGOTIATING WITH TERRORISTS

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 5078, the “Waters of the United States Regulatory Overreach Protection Act of 2014”; and H. Res. 644, condemning and disapproving of the Obama administration’s failure to comply with the lawful statutory requirement to notify Congress before releasing individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and expressing national security concerns over the release of five Taliban leaders and the repercussions of negotiating with terrorists. The committee granted, by record vote of 7–3, a structured rule for H.R. 5078. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Additionally, the rule grants a closed rule for H. Res. 644. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments to the resolution and the preamble recommended by the Committee on Armed Services now printed in the resolution

shall be considered as adopted and the resolution, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from the following: Chairman Shuster, Chairman McKeon, and Representatives Smith of Washington, and Jackson Lee.

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”. This was a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D911)

H.J. Res. 76, making an emergency supplemental appropriation for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, to provide funding to Israel for the Iron Dome defense system to counter short-range rocket threats. Signed on August 4, 2014. (Public Law 113–145)

H.R. 3230, to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Signed on August 7, 2014. (Public Law 113–146)

H.R. 606, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 815 County Road 23 in Tyrone, New York, as the “Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building”. Signed on August 8, 2014. (Public Law 113–147)

H.R. 1671, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6937 Village Parkway in Dublin, California, as the “James ‘Jim’ Kohnen Post Office”. Signed on August 8, 2014. (Public Law 113–148)

H.R. 2291, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 450 Lexington Avenue in New York, New York, as the “Vincent R. Sombrotto Post Office”. Signed on August 8, 2014. (Public Law 113–149)

H.R. 3212, to ensure compliance with the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction by countries with which the United States enjoys reciprocal obligations, to establish procedures for the prompt return of children abducted to other countries. Signed on August 8, 2014. (Public Law 113–150)

H.R. 3472, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13127 Broadway Street in Alden, New York, as the “Sergeant Brett E. Gorniewicz Memorial Post Office”. Signed on August 8, 2014. (Public Law 113–151)

H.R. 3548, to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to expand the definition of trauma to include thermal, electrical, chemical, radioactive, and other extrinsic agents. Signed on August 8, 2014. (Public Law 113–152)

H.R. 3765, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 198 Baker Street in Corning, New York, as the “Specialist Ryan P. Jayne Post Office Building”. Signed on August 8, 2014. (Public Law 113–153)

H.R. 4028, to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to include the desecration of cemeteries among the many forms of violations of the right to religious freedom. Signed on August 8, 2014. (Public Law 113–154)

H.R. 4360, to designate the facility of the United States Forest Service for the Grandfather Ranger District located at 109 Lawing Drive in Nebo, North Carolina, as the “Jason Crisp Forest Service Building”. Signed on August 8, 2014. (Public Law 113–155)

H.R. 4386, to allow the Secretary of the Treasury to rely on State examinations for certain financial institutions. Signed on August 8, 2014. (Public Law 113–156)

H.R. 4631, to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism. Signed on August 8, 2014. (Public Law 113–157)

H.R. 4838, to redesignate the railroad station located at 2955 Market Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, commonly known as “30th Street Station”, as the “William H. Gray III 30th Street Station”. Signed on August 8, 2014. (Public Law 113–158)

H.R. 5021, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund. Signed on August 8, 2014. (Public Law 113–159)

H.R. 5195, to provide additional visas for the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Program. Signed on August 8, 2014. (Public Law 113–160)

S. 653, to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia. Signed on August 8, 2014. (Public Law 113–161)

S. 1104, to measure the progress of recovery and development efforts in Haiti following the earthquake of January 12, 2010. Signed on August 8, 2014. (Public Law 113–162)

S. 1799, to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990. Signed on August 8, 2014. (Public Law 113–163)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine Wall Street reform, focusing on assessing and enhancing the financial regulatory system, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, and Stephen G. Burns, of Maryland, both to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to receive a closed briefing on Arms Control Compliance issues, 4 p.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Sharon Block, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine Federal programs for equipping State and local law enforcement agencies, 10:30 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jorge Luis Alonso, and John Robert Blakey, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Amos L. Mazzant, III, and Robert William Schroeder III, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, and Robert Lee Pitman, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the state of VA health care, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive closed briefings on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled “Expanding Joint Employer Status: What Does it Mean for Workers and Job Creators?”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “21st Century Cures: Examining the Regulation of Laboratory Developed Tests”, 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “State Perspectives: Questions Concerning EPA’s Proposed Clean Power Plan”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, joint subcommittee hearing entitled “Hamas’ Benefactors: A Network of Terror”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, markup on H.R. 4377, to place conditions on assistance to the Government of Burma, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies; and the Subcommittee on Research and Technology of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, joint hearing entitled “Strategy and Mission of the DHS Science and Technology Directorate”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Access to Justice?: Does DOJ’s Office of Inspector General Have Access to Information Needed to Conduct Proper Oversight?”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice, hearing on proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to parental rights, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 1314, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements; H.R. 1927, the “More Water and Security for Californians Act”; H.R. 4256, the “Endangered Species Improvement Act of 2014”; H.R. 4284, the “ESA Improvement Act of 2014”; H.R. 4319, the “Common Sense in Species Protection Act of 2014”; and H.R. 4866, the “Lesser Prairie Chicken Voluntary Recovery Act of 2014”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 3326, the “Trinity County Land Exchange Act of 2013”; H.R. 3411, the “Sabine National Forest Land Exchange Act of 2013”; H.R. 4846, the “Arapaho National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act of 2014”; H.R. 5003, the “Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2014”; H.R. 5040, the “Idaho County Shooting Range Land Conveyance Act”; H.R. 5074, the “Land Adjacency Notification and Disclosure Act”; H.R. 5162, to amend the Act entitled “An Act to allow a certain parcel of land in Rockingham County, Virginia, to be used for a child care center” to remove the use restriction, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5167, to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, to convey certain Federal property located in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska to the Olgoonik Corporation, an Alaska Native Corporation established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and the Census, hearing entitled “Examining the Administration’s Treatment of Whistleblowers”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3522, the “Employee Health Care Protection Act of 2013”, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy; and Subcommittee on Oversight, joint subcommittee hearing entitled “Bakken Petroleum: The Substance of Energy Independence”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing entitled “Surface Transportation Infrastructure Projects: Case

Studies of the Federal Environmental Review and Permitting Process”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on Social Impact Bonds and whether they can help government achieve better results for families in need, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 9 through September 12,
2014

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 11 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 19, Election Contributions and Expenditures, post-cloture.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: September 10, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lisa Afua Serwah Mensah, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 9, to hold hearings to examine Wall Street reform, focusing on assessing and enhancing the financial regulatory system, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 10, to hold hearings to examine freight rail service, focusing on improving the performance of America’s rail system, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 11, business meeting to consider the nomination of Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 9, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, and Stephen G. Burns, of Maryland, both to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., SD-406.

September 11, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, and Stephen G. Burns, of Maryland, both to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 9, to receive a closed briefing on Arms Control Compliance issues, 4 p.m., SVC-217.

September 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William V. Roebuck, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Judith Beth Cefkin, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Fiji, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of

Tonga, and Tuvalu, and Barbara A. Leaf, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, all of the Department of State, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

September 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James Peter Zumwalt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, Robert T. Yamate, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Union of the Comoros, and Virginia E. Palmer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi, all of the Department of State, 3:15 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: September 9, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Sharon Block, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: September 9, to hold an oversight hearing to examine Federal programs for equipping State and local law enforcement agencies, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

September 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine cybersecurity, terrorism, and beyond, focusing on addressing evolving threats to the homeland, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: September 10, to hold an oversight hearing to examine irrigation projects in Indian country, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 9, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jorge Luis Alonso, and John Robert Blakey, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Amos L. Mazzant III, and Robert William Schroeder III, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, and Robert Lee Pitman, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, 10 a.m., SD-226.

September 11, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1690, to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007, S. 1535, to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, S. 2646, to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and the nominations of Madeline Cox Arleo, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Wendy Beetlestone, Mark A. Kearney, Joseph F. Leeson, Jr., and Gerald J. Pappert, all to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Victor Allen Bolden, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, Armando Ormar Bonilla, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Stephen R. Bough, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, David J. Hale, and Gregory N. Stivers, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, and Arthur Lee Bentley III, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: September 10, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Matthew Vincent Masterson, of Ohio, and Christy A. McCormick,

of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission, 10 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: September 9, to hold hearings to examine the state of VA health care, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: September 9, to receive closed briefings on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

September 11, Full Committee, to receive closed briefings on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: September 10, to hold hearings to examine Older Americans and student loan debt, 2:15 p.m., SD-562.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, September 10, Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry, hearing to review the U.S. Forest Service's proposed groundwater directive, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, September 10, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled "Operationalizing Cyber for the Military Services", 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, September 10, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training; and Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, joint hearing entitled "Improving Department of Education Policies and Programs Through Independent Oversight", 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, September 11, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Examining H.R. _____, the Trafficking Awareness Training for Health Care Act of 2014", 9:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, September 10, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "An Overview of the Credit Reporting System", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, September 10, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Libya's Descent", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 10, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations; and Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, joint subcommittee hearing entitled "Genocidal Attacks Against Christian and Other Religious Minorities in Syria and Iraq", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, September 10, Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security, hearing entitled "One Flight Away: An Examination of the Threat Posed by ISIS Terrorists with Western Passports", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, September 10, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 4771, the "Designer Anabolic Steroid Control Act of 2014"; H.R. 4299, the "Improving Regulatory Transparency for New Medical Therapies Act"; H.R. 5108, to establish the Law School Clinic Certification Program of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes; the "Protecting the Homeland Act"; the "Financial Institution Bankruptcy Act of 2014"; H.R. 5233, the

“Trade Secrets Protection Act of 2014”; and the “Standard Merger and Acquisition Reviews Through Equal Rules Act of 2014”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, September 10, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Status of the Fish and Wildlife Service’s Responses to Committee Subpoenas and the Continued Lack of Transparency about Its Implementation and Enforcement of American Wildlife Laws, and Oversight of the Department of the Interior’s Solicitor’s Office”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 10, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the “Bureau of Reclamation Surface Water Storage Streamlining Act”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 10, Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on H.R. 1600, the “Requirements, Expectations, and Standard Procedures for Executive Consultation with Tribes (RESPECT) Act”; and H.R. 4668, the “Point Spencer Coast Guard and Public-Private Sector Infrastructure Development Facilitation and Land Conveyance Act”, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

September 11, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Office of Inspector General and Its Ongoing Failure to Comply with a Subpoena for Documents about a Recent Investigation”, 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, September 10, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Obstructing Oversight: Concerns from Inspectors General”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, September 10, Subcommittee on Space, hearing entitled “Exploring Our Solar System: The ASTEROIDS Act as a Key Step”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, September 10, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Small Business Administration: Management and Outlook”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

September 11, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, hearing entitled “The Decline in Business Formation: Implications for Entrepreneurship and the Economy”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, September 10, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “The Status of the Merchant Marine”, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, September 10, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: draft of the Department of Veterans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act of 2014; H.R. 3593, the “VA Construction Assistance Act of 2013”; H.R. 4276, the “Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury Care Improvement Act of 2014”; H.R. 4399, the “Comprehensive Department of Veterans Affairs Performance Management and Accountability Reform Act of 2014”; H.R. 4862, the “Our Vets Deserve Better Act”; H.R. 4971, the “Ask Veterans Act”; and H.R. 5094, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recoup certain bonuses or awards paid to employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

September 10, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Metrics, Measurements and Mismanagement in the Board of Veterans’ Appeals”, 1 p.m., 340 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, September 10, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the status of Affordable Care Act implementation, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, September 11, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”, 9 a.m., HVC-304. This hearing will be closed.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

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The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through August 31, 2014

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	109	108	..
Time in session	684 hrs., 8'	561 hrs., 19'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	5,348	7,246	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	1,329	..
Public bills enacted into law	24	67	91
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference	1	1	..
Measures passed, total	293	368	661
Senate bills	46	20	..
House bills	63	247	..
Senate joint resolutions	5	3	..
House joint resolutions	2	2	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	5	3	..
House concurrent resolutions	15	18	..
Simple resolutions	157	75	..
Measures reported, total	*184	*242	426
Senate bills	128	1	..
House bills	32	188	..
Senate joint resolutions	2	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	4	..
Simple resolutions	22	48	..
Special reports	7	6	..
Conference reports	3	3	..
Measures pending on calendar	370	64	..
Measures introduced, total	1,116	1,917	3,033
Bills	882	1,594	..
Joint resolutions	12	18	..
Concurrent resolutions	12	40	..
Simple resolutions	210	265	..
Quorum calls	1	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	256	185	..
Recorded votes .....	..	294	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 118 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 251 reports have been filed in the House.

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through August 31, 2014

Civilian nominations, totaling 562 (including 2 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		303
Unconfirmed		253
Withdrawn		6
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 2,347, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		1,863
Unconfirmed		484
Air Force nominations, totaling 3,303, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		2,083
Unconfirmed		1,219
Withdrawn		1
Army nominations, totaling 4,748, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		2,037
Unconfirmed		2,711
Navy nominations, totaling 3,814, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		3,235
Unconfirmed		579
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 875, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		874
Unconfirmed		1
<i>Summary</i>		
Total nominations carried over from the First Session		2
Total nominations received this Session		15,647
Total confirmed		10,395
Total unconfirmed		5,247
Total withdrawn		7
Total returned to the White House		0

Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Tuesday, September 9

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Tuesday, September 9

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 19, Election Contributions and Expenditures, post-cloture.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

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